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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Page 2, after the title insert --This application is a division of U.S. application
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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 through 12.

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A method of substantially reducing or eliminating irritation upon injection of a formulation containing propofol comprising administering a stable, sterile, and antimicrobial aqueous dispersion comprising a water-insoluble microdroplet matrix of mean diameter from about 50 nm to about 1000 nm consisting